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Filed : Herewith  
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

It is desired to cite for the record in this application the  
enclosed references listed on the attached copy of PTO Form #1449. The  
paragraph(s) marked below are applicable to this Information Disclosure  
Statement.

- [X] (1) Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(1) and (2), the attached  
Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three  
months of the filing date of the above identified national  
application or within three months of the date of entry of the  
national stage as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.491 of the above  
identified application. Accordingly, applicant(s) believes that  
no fee or statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) is required.

- [ ] (2) Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3), applicant(s) believes the attached Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office action on the merits. Accordingly, applicant(s) believes that no fee or statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) is required.
- [ ] (3) Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(4), applicant(s) believes the attached Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office action after the filing of a request for continued examination under § 1.114. Accordingly, applicant(s) believes that no fee or statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) is required.
- [ ] (4) Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), the attached Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a final action or a notice of allowance and is accompanied by:
- [ ] a statement under 37 CFR § 1.97(e); or
- [ ] the fee set forth in § 1.17(p).

PETITION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.97(d)

- [ ] (5) Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.97(d), applicant(s) hereby petitions the Commissioner to consider the attached Information Disclosure Statement which is being filed on or before payment of the issue fee. This petition is accompanied by a statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) and the petition fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i).

STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1)

- [ ] (6) The undersigned hereby states that each item of information contained in the attached Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(2)

- [ ] (7) The undersigned hereby states that no item of information contained in the attached Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application and, to the knowledge of the undersigned after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in the attached Information Disclosure

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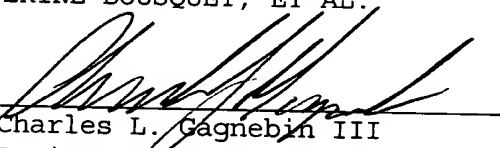
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These references were cited in an International Search Report (copy enclosed) which issued in International Application No. PCT/FR00/00644 filed March 16, 2000.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-0804. Triplicate copies of this letter are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE*
	*5,633,424	5/27/1997	Graves, et al.			
	*5,200,158	4/6/1993	Jacob			
	*3,948,601	4/6/1976	Fraser, et al.			

**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION	
					YES	NO
*2 759 590	8/21/1998	France				X
*0 474 137	3/11/1992	EPO			X	

**OTHER DOCUMENTS** (including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)


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